

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,
March 15, 1926.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, March 15, 1926, and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Deininger. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Smith and Deininger. Absent: Fitzhugh.

President Deininger ordered bids to be opened for a lease on the City Farm.

The only bidder was the Torrance Brick Co. as follows:

8 cents per ton for clay. A certified check for \$2000.00 was attached to the bid.

Trustee Brooks moved that the bid be accepted and the President of the Board of Trustees authorized to enter into such a lease with the Torrance Brick Co. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Smith and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Fitzhugh.

The minutes of the regular meeting of Feb. 15, 1926, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the adjourned, regular meeting of Feb. 23, 1926, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of a special meeting of Feb. 25, 1926, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 1, 1926, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the adjourned, regular meeting of March 8, 1926, were read and approved as read.

Trustee Fitzhugh came in during the reading of the minutes.

The letter from the Tri-State Holding Co. regarding the placement of a paint factory in the industrial district was referred back to J. C. Smith with a letter and a marked copy of the zoning ordinance, on motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh, and a majority vote.

Trustee Brooks was excused at 7:40 p.m.

The Torrance Electric Shop requested, in writing, a permit to erect an electric sign at their new location at 1409 Marcelina Ave.

Trustee Smith moved that a permit be granted subject to the supervision of the Building Inspector. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Inspector Hobson submitted a report of his attendance at the Pacific Coast Building Officials' Conference.

A discussion of the efficacy of standardizing building ordinances for So. Cal. Followed.

Trustee Smith moved that the City join this association at an initial cost of \$55.00. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Smith and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Brooks.

Mr. Reeve complained of the high license charged by the City for general contracting, claiming that business in Torrance did not justify the charge of \$100.00.

Trustee Fitzhugh mentioned that one contractor appeared before the Board asking for a high license and the next one asked for a low license so that the Board did not know just what kind of a lic-

ense was wanted by the majority.

Trustee Smith suggested that the contractors, as a whole, bring in a proposition to the Board.

It was finally decided that after Mr. Hobson had gotten all the data possible from the builders' conference, a meeting should be called between him and the contractors looking toward the amending of the ordinance--if found necessary.

Mr. Winters called the attention of the Board to building operations on Cabrillo Street. It seems that in 1923 an owner was required to use the 20 foot set back line, while at the present time a building may be erected on the front property line, making it seemingly an unfair proposition to the first builders. This property has been rezoned twice since 1923 and is the inevitable result of evolution, according to Mr. Jessup.

The matter was referred to the Ordinance committee for investigation and report at next meeting.

Trustee Smith reported that he had an elaborate report on the small pox situation, and that interested parties might see this report by applying to the Clerk.

Trustee Fitzhugh reported that, from the looks of the budget report, the City was still in a solvent condition; that 59% of the original budget had been disbursed, normal expenditures for 7 months would be 58.3%;

also that he had correspondence from the Cal. League of Municipalities concerning the telephone rates, but that he had attended no meetings and would not unless it was the wish of the Board.

Engineer Jessup reported figures from the P. E. as to improving a portion of Redondo Blvd:

Ballast \$352.00, Ties \$127.00, Rails \$1200.00, Special Work \$833. Labor \$233.00 and Paving 4548.00, making a total of \$7323.00, but that he was waiting a letter of authorization from P. E. officials;

that hydrants in the Cedar Ave. district were being taken care of in such manner that a hydrant might be installed at any time necessary;

that Sanitation District #5 engineers were working on the laterals, but were not in a position to give actual data at present;

that the 33 inch water main near the Legion Hall could not verywell be changed without making bye-pass connections which would interrupt the flow of water for from one to several days;

that the right of way for a sewer main under the Santa Fe had been referred to the eastern officials and no report had been received as yet.

Trustee Smith introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 132
REGARDING THE MUFFLING OF EXHAUSTS

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 131
RUNNING AT LARGE OF ANIMALS AND FOWLS

Trustee Smith moved that Ordinance No. 131 be adopted as read for its final reading and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Smith and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Brooks.

Mr. Gascoigne reported that young carab trees, two feet high, could be purchased at 30¢ each; choice carab, four feet high, \$1.25 and eucalyptus at 25 to 30¢ each. It was estimated that 600 trees would be necessary to plant Western Ave and Redondo Blvd.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the Street Superintendent be instructed to proceed with the planting of eucalyptus trees on Western Ave. from the north City limits to Border and on Redondo Blvd. from Madrona to Madrid, and that the raising of carab trees from seed be started. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Smith and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Brooks.

Clerk Bartlett reported that building permits for February amounted to \$21700.00 and that the Recorder had turned in fines of \$174.00 for criminal cases and \$33.25 for civil cases for February.

Attorney Briney reported that a judgment in favor of the City had been rendered in the Colburn case (Inspection car accident) and that he had had no answer from the insurance company regarding the Street Superintendent's accident, such companies usually taking their time in making up their minds what to do.

President Deininger reported that he had not gotten in touch with the Womens' Club yet regarding a member for the Planning Commission as the club had not had a meeting.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for the disposal of garbage for the ensuing year, the old contract expiring April 28th. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Smith moved that, as the plans and specifications for the Fire Station with temporary quarters for City offices had been gone over by the Engineer and the Fire Chief, said plans and specifications be adopted and the Clerk ordered to advertise for bids for same. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Smith and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Brooks.

Trustee Smith moved that James W. Post be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees occasioned by the resignation of former Trustee Torrence.

Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Smith and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Brooks.

Trustee Smith introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 133
SETTING SALARIES FOR ENSUING TERM AND REPEALING
ORDINANCES NOS. 83 AND 102

Trustee Smith moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Smith and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Brooks.

At 8:40 p.m., Trustee Fitzhugh moved to adjourn. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

R. Deininger
President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.